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LAST ISSUE, WE SAW EVIL SONIC-A DEADLY DOPPELGANGER WHO LIVES ON A PLANET MOBIUS WHICH EXISTS IN ANOTHER ZONE-CROSSING OVER TO MOBIUS PRIME AND ASSUMING THE IDENTITY OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

SO WHAT ABOUT SONIC? WE'RE GLAD YOU ASKED. THAT'S HIM ON EVIL SONIC'S MOBIUS LAYING TRUSSSED UP LIKE A HOLIDAY TURKEY JUST AS THE BAD-@#% DUPLICATES OF SEVERAL FAMILIAR FIGURES HAVE STUMBLD ACROSS HIM...

MY, MY, MY--
WILL YOU
LOOK AT
THAT!

AND IT'S
NOT EVEN MY
BIRTHDAY!

CHAOS
EMERALDS
ARE
FOREVER

LIGH
--THAT
SOUNDS
LIKE
SAL--

--ONLY
MEANER!

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WAIT A MINUTE!!!

I MUST
BE ON--

WOOF!

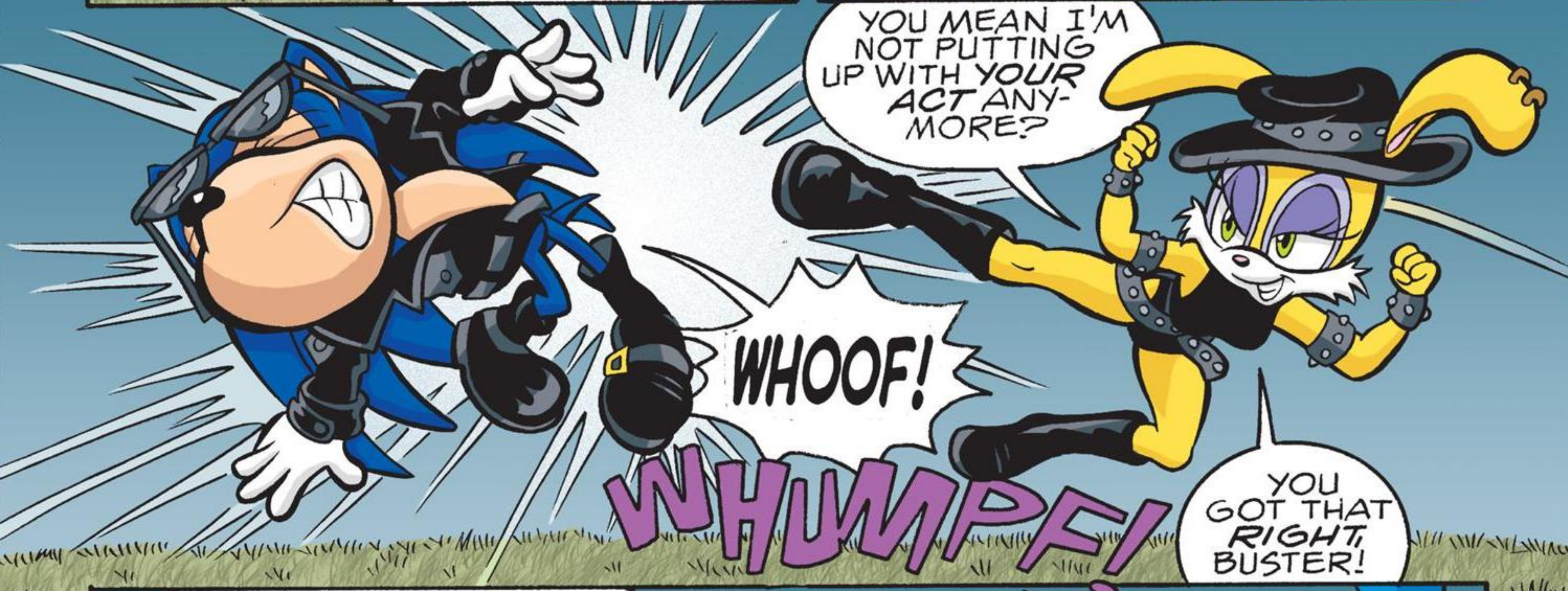
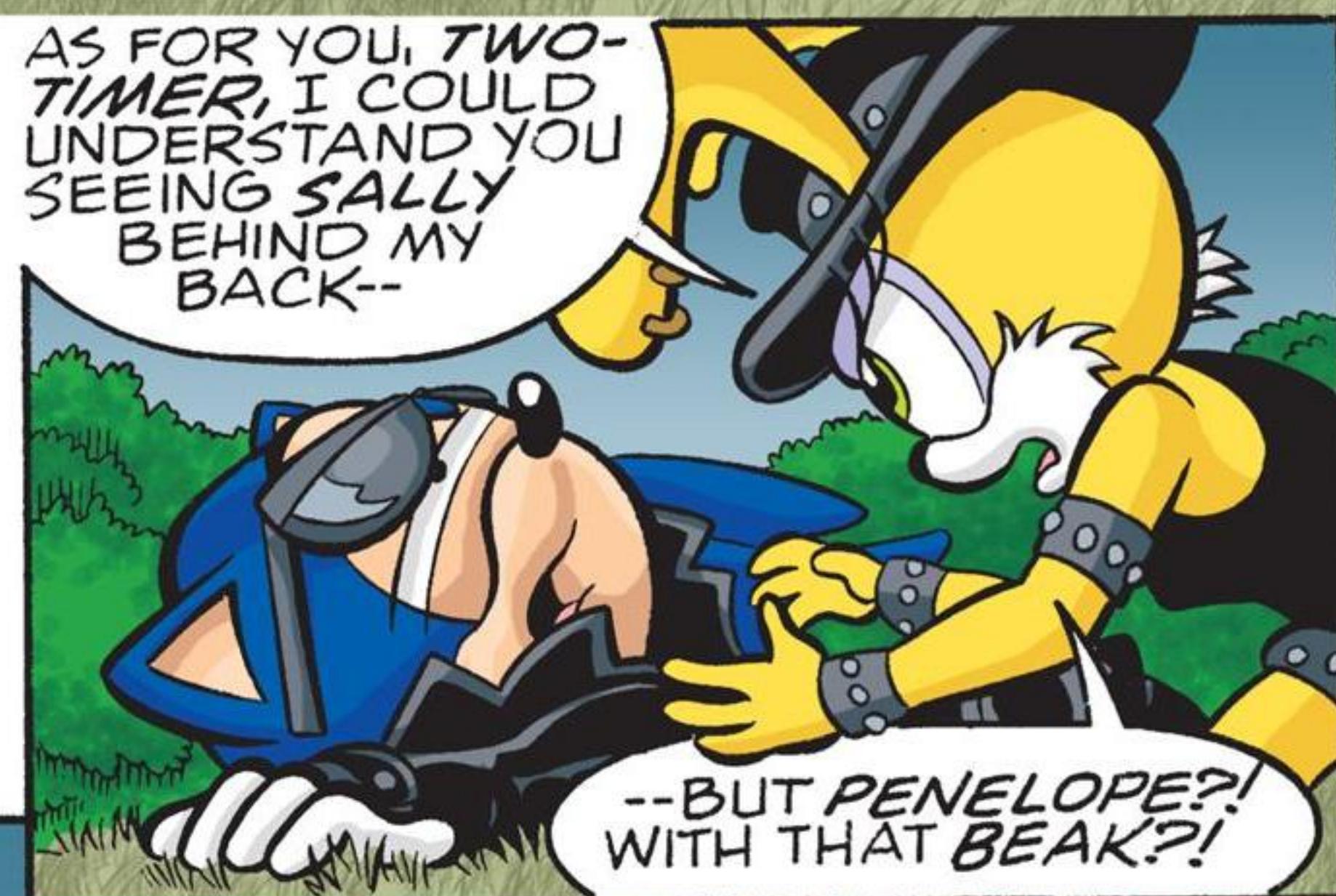
DITCH ME AND
THE OTHERS WHILE
YOU DO YOUR OWN
THING, WILL YOU?

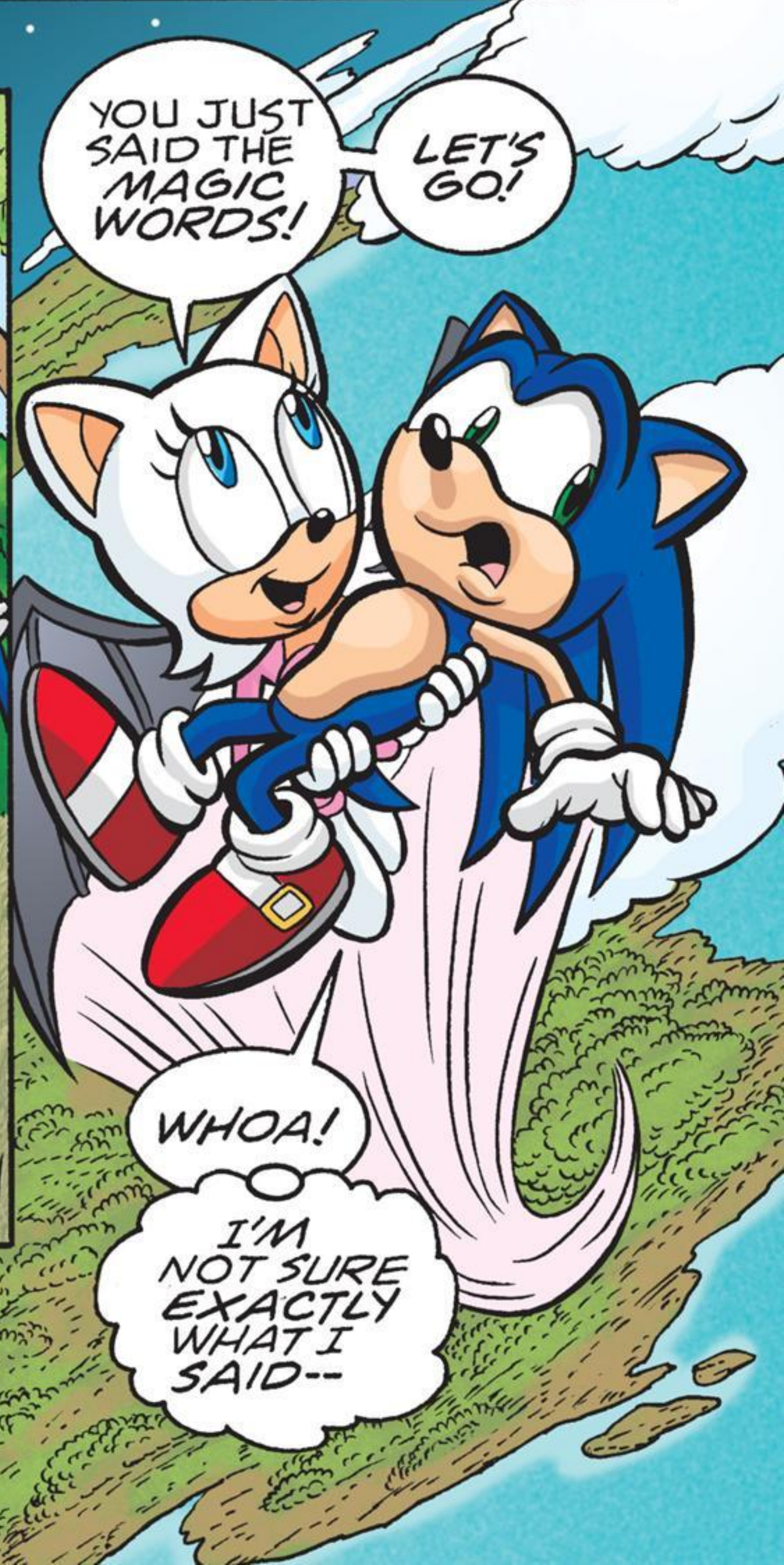
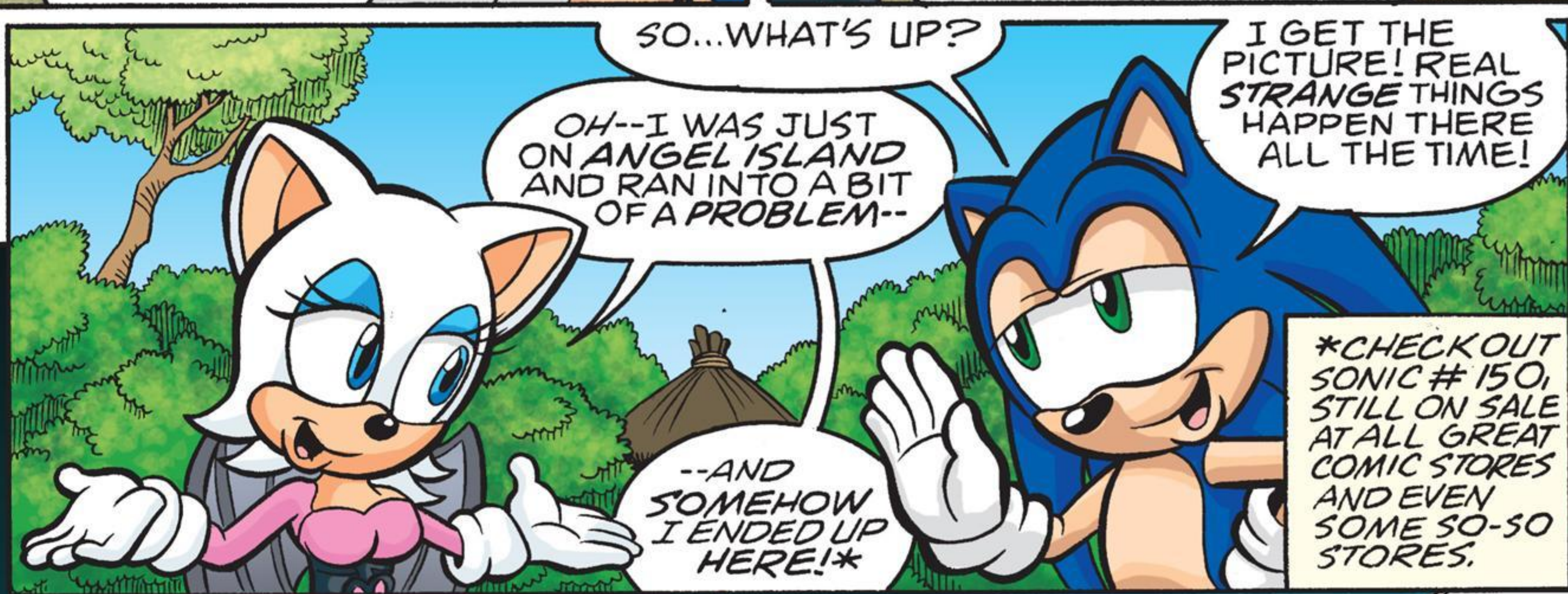
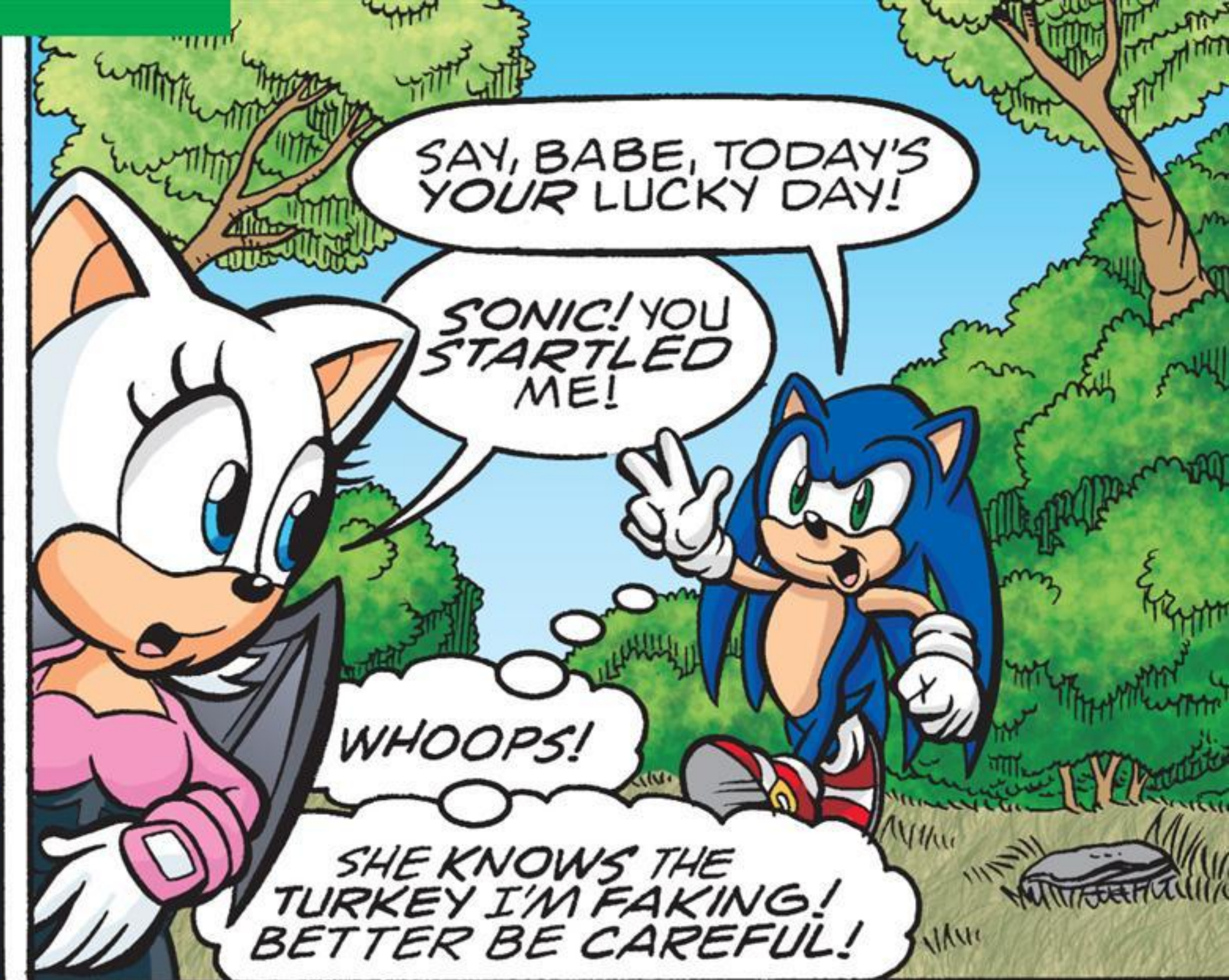
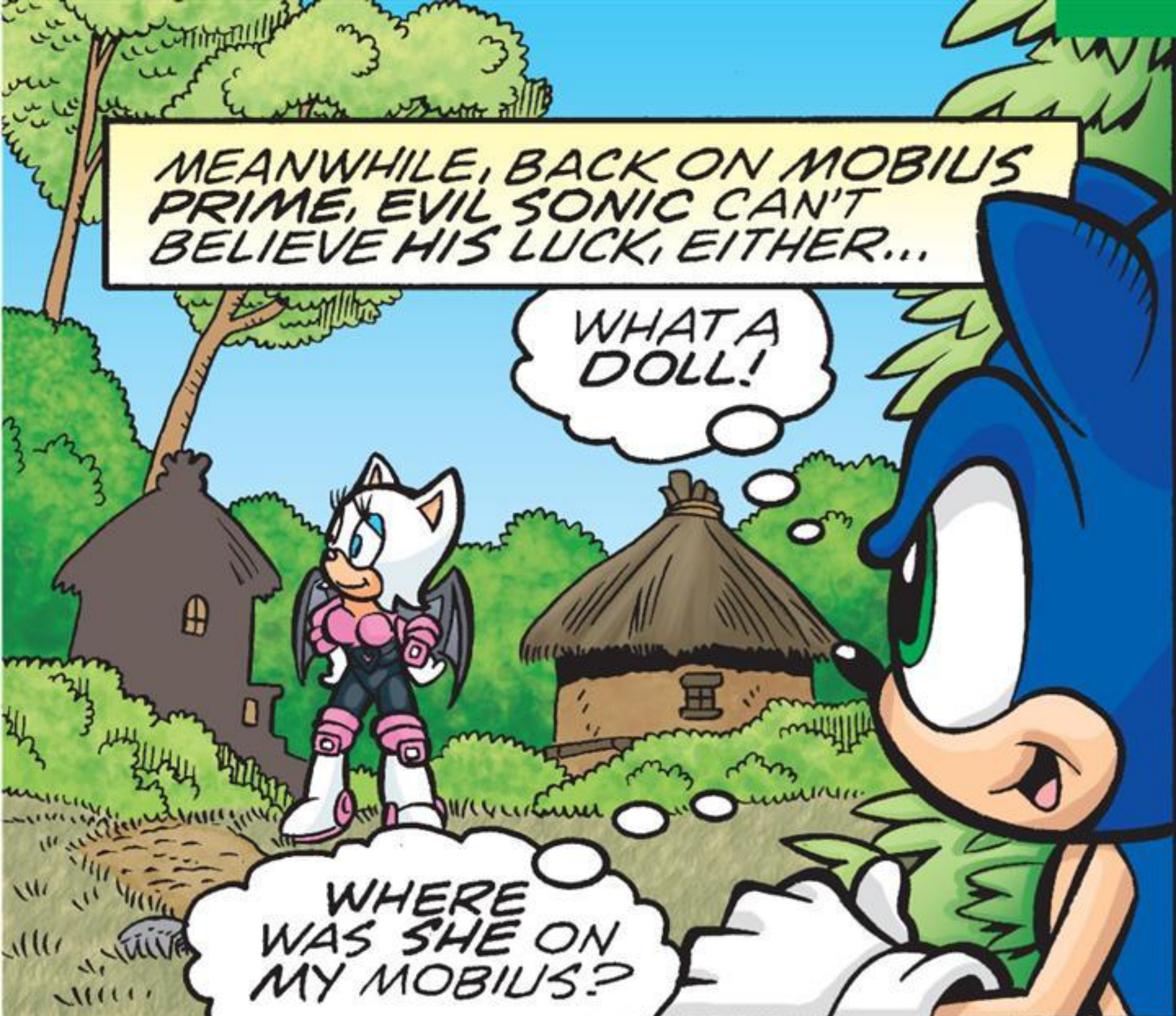
WELL--PARDON
MY BOOT!!!

WHUMMP

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"--BUT YOU WON'T FIND ME COMPLAINING..."



THIS SOOOO BITES BIG-TIME!



SOMEONE'S GONNA GET A MAJOR SMACKDOWN WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON HIM--

--AND I KNOW JUST THE HEDGEHOG!



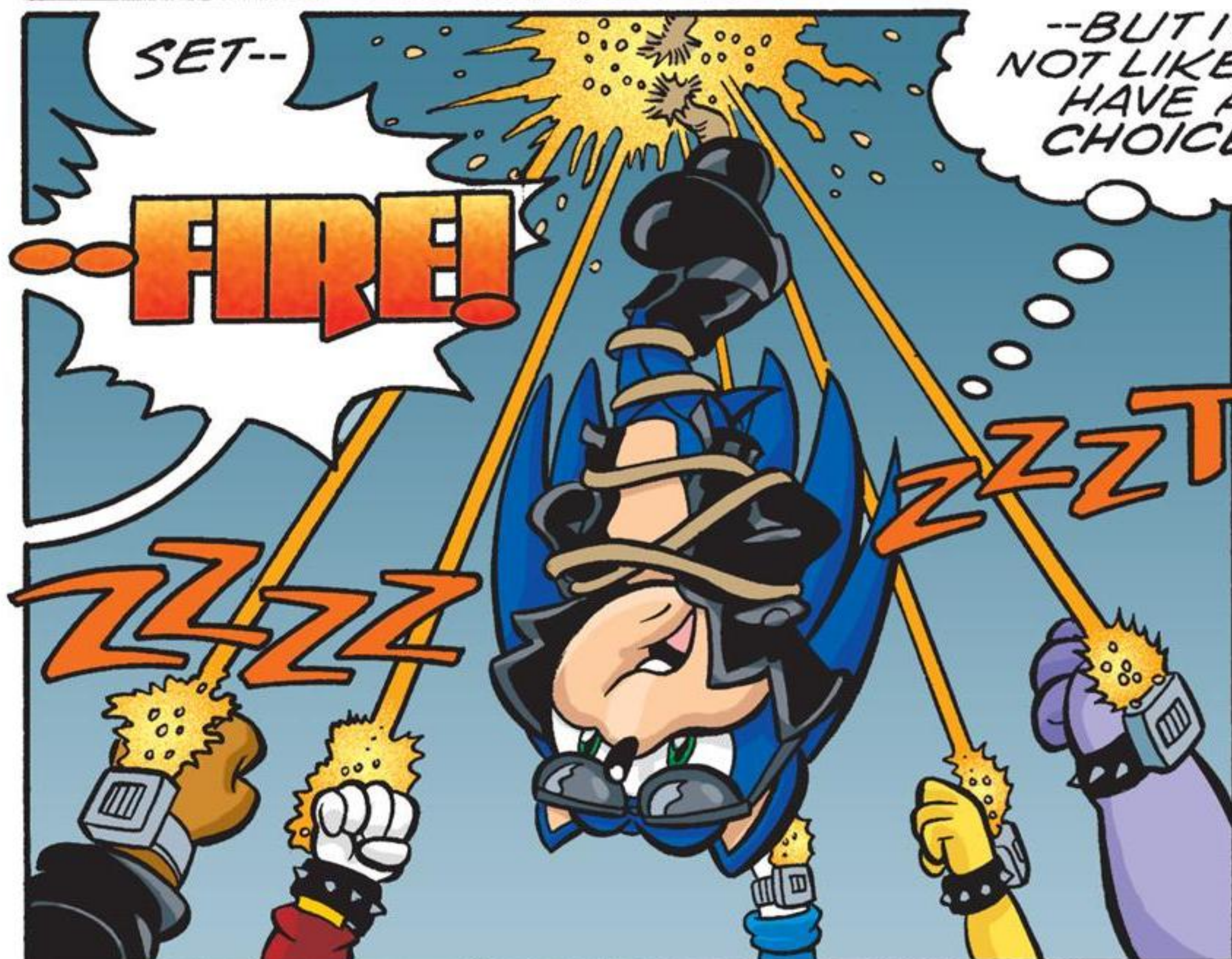
PAYBACK'S LE BUMMER, SONIC--

--BUT ZEN AGAIN, YOU'VE HAD ZIS COMING FOR A LONG TIME!

WE DO SO HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR SWIM!

ON MY MARK--

READY--



SET--

FIRE!

--BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE A CHOICE!



SPLASH!

AS SONIC FALLS INTO THE DEEP END, EVIL SONIC FINDS HIS FATE JUST AS MUCH UP IN THE AIR...

SO WHERE ARE THE CHAOS EMERALDS?

THAT'S EMERALD, BABE!

THE BIGGEST HUNK O' ROCK YOU'LL EVER LAY EYES ON!

AND IT'S UNDERGROUND IN THAT AREA OVER THERE!

ARE YOU SURE?

IT'S NEAR THE SPOT WHERE I WAS WITH LOCKE.

LOCKE?

WHO'S THAT?

WHY, THAT'S HIM-- COMING OUT OF THE CAVE!

LOOKS LIKE AN OLDER VERSION OF KNUX!

VER-RY INTERESTING!

HOW SO?

IF I'M RIGHT, THAT ENTRANCE WILL TAKE YOU--

--TO THE CHAOS CHAMBER, WHERE THE ROCK IS STORED!

REALLY?

I WAS THERE BEFORE!*

*INDEED HE WAS, WAY BACK WHEN IN SONIC #44. GO AHEAD. TAKE A LOOK. WE'LL WAIT.

HMMM...

WAIT HERE FOR MY SIGNAL!

YEEAAHHH? AND THEN?

YOU'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO ONCE I DO!

LOCKE! THERE YOU ARE!

ROUGE!

NOW YOU REALLY HAVE MY CURIOSITY!

ARE YOU JUST PERSISTENT--OR CAN'T YOU TAKE A HINT?

ON A SIMILAR
NOTE ELSEWHERE...

WELL?

MAYBE THE
OCTOPODS
GOT 'IM!

OR THE
HIGH
LEVEL OF
THER-
MONIUM!

OR
MAYBE--

--NONE
OF THE
ABOVE!

NO
WAY!

ZUT
ALORS!

ZOMETHING
IN ZEE SOUND
OF HIS VOICE--

COULD
IT
ACTUALLY
BE--?

NEVAIR FORGET
ZAT IS THE FACE
OF THE
ENEMY!

Z AT IS THE
SCOUNDREL
WHO TOOK
ME FROM
MY HOME
AND
BROUGHT
ME...

--IF AT FIRST YOU
DON'T SUCCEED...

...IT'S
TIME TO
SLICE AND
DICE!

I'LL SHOW
HIM TWO
CAN PLAY AT
THIS GAME!

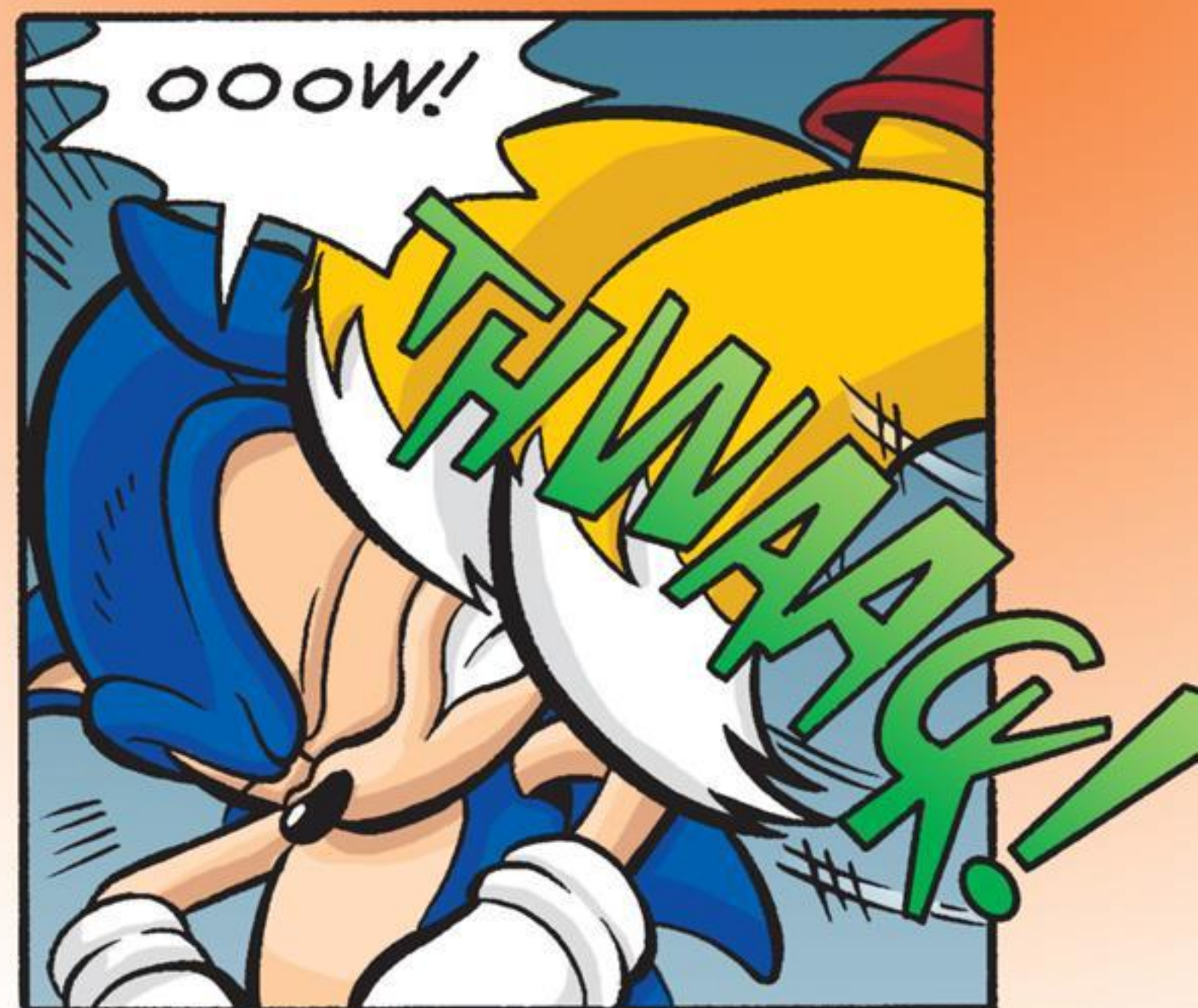
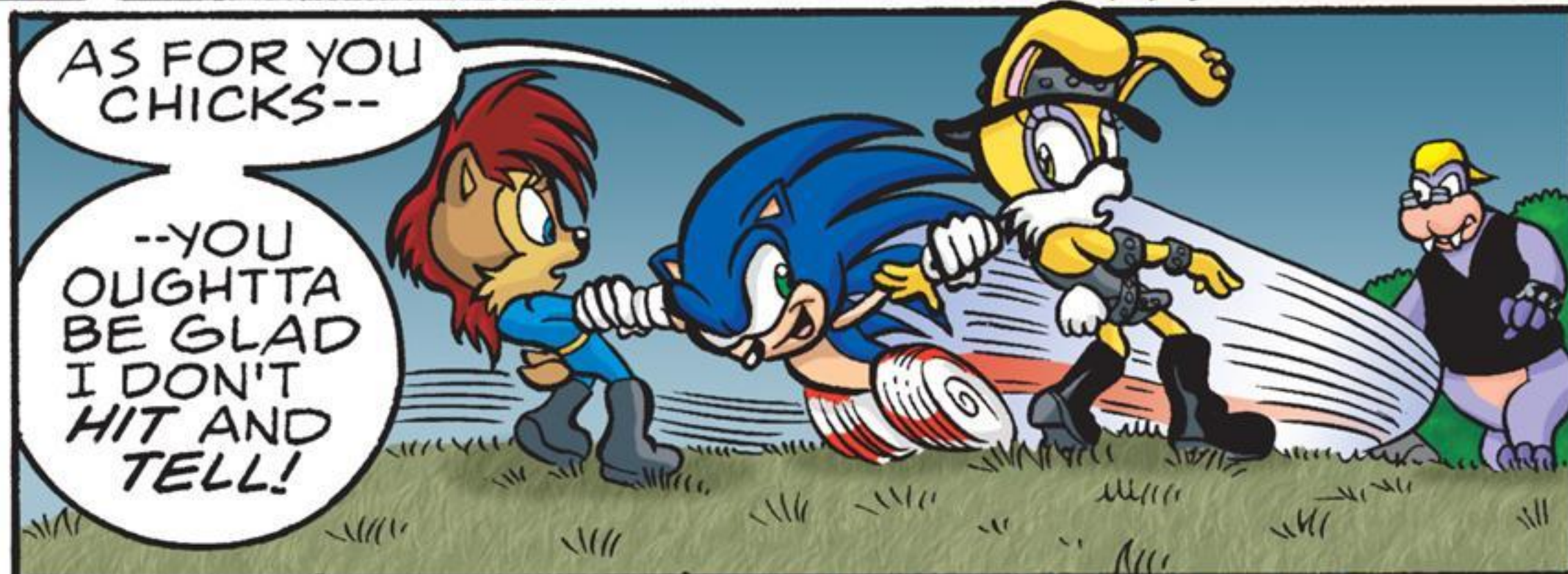
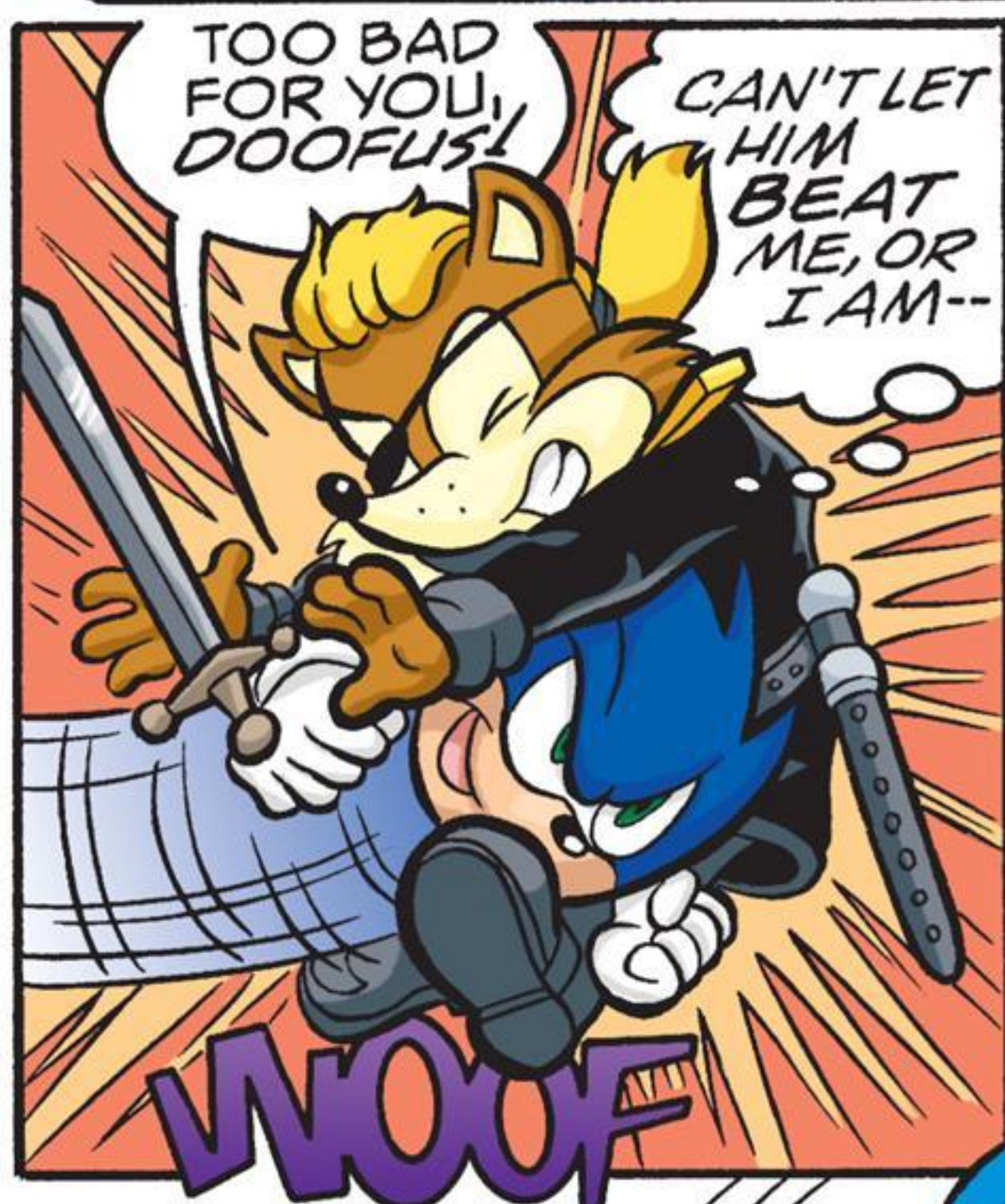
MON DIEU!
WHAT AM I
THINKING?!

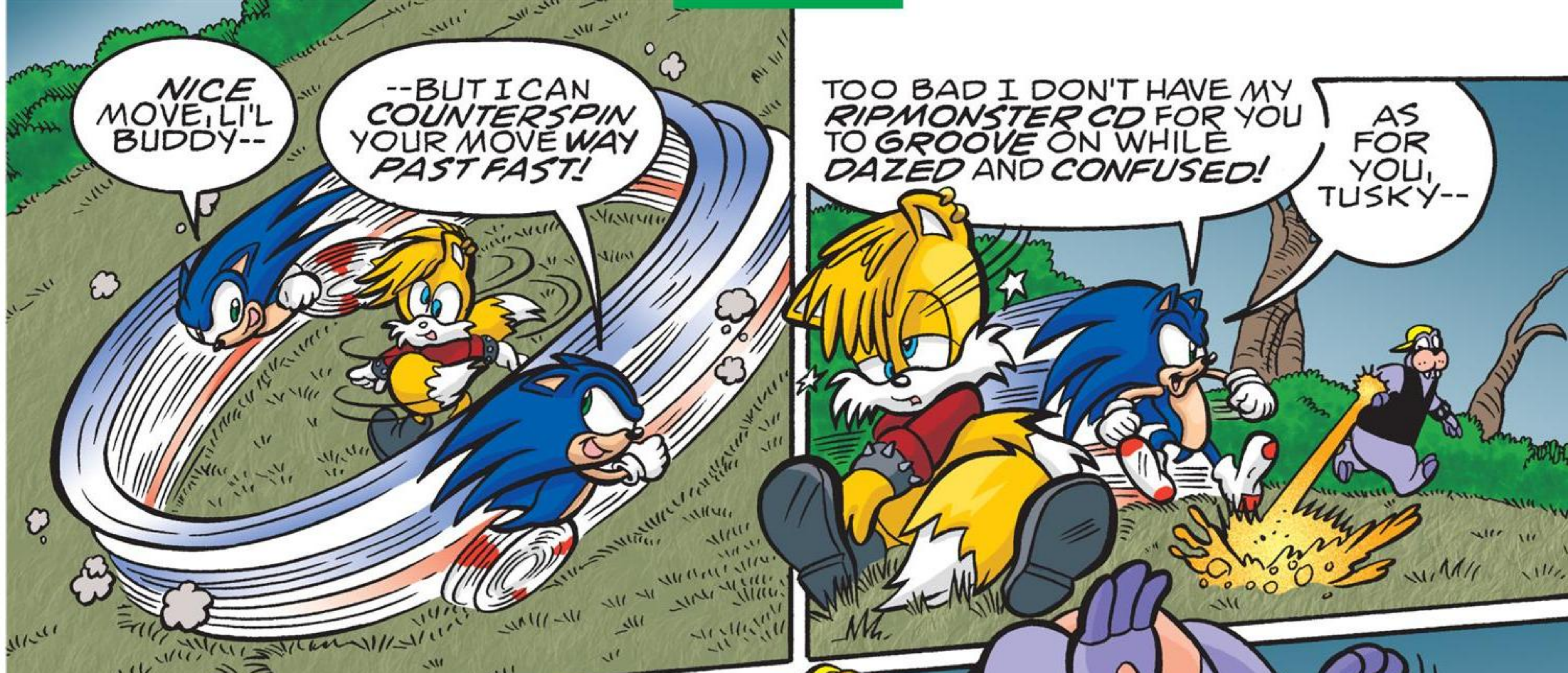
...TO ZIS
INSANE
WORLD!

WELL,
ZEN...

HEY!!!

SNIIKSH





NICE
MOVE, LI'L
BUDDY--

--BUT I CAN
COUNTERSPIN
YOUR MOVE WAY
PAST FAST!

TOO BAD I DON'T HAVE MY
RIPMONSTER CD FOR YOU
TO GROOVE ON WHILE
DAZED AND CONFUSED!

AS
FOR
YOU,
TUSKY--



--YOU'VE COTTON
FOR BRAINS TO EVEN
THINK YOU COULD
OUTPACE MY
SONIC SPIN!

MUCH
AS I LIKE
MY TOYS--

--YOURS
CAN BE
A BIT
MUCH!

BUT
YOU
DIDN'T
EVEN
COME
UP
FOR
AIR.

CLEAN LIVIN'
AND STRONG
CURRENTS'
HEADING
DOWNSTREAM
CAN WORK
WONDERS!

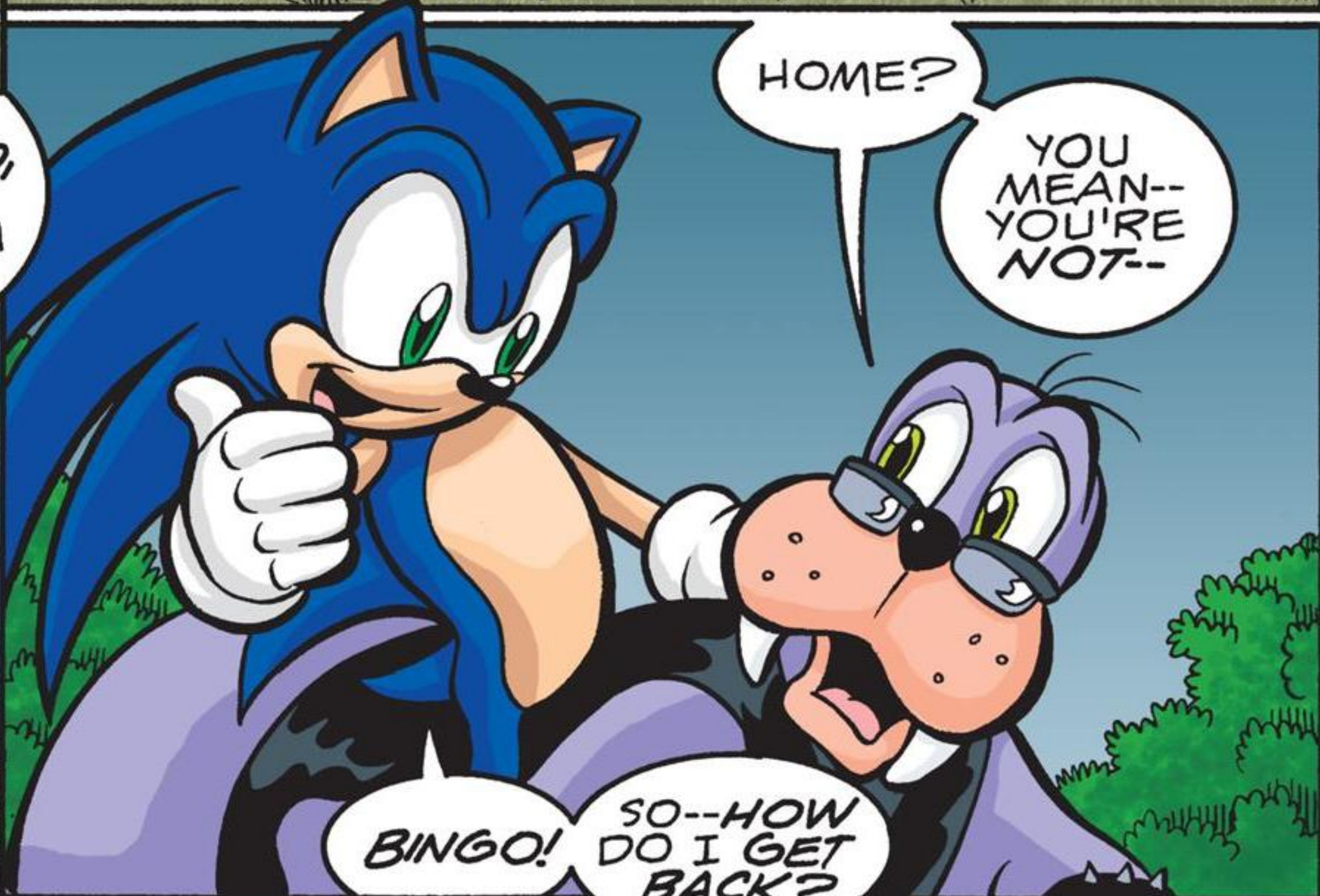
TO SAY
NOTHING
OF THE
SPEED!

SMASH

NOW, THEN--SINCE I'M
NOT YOUR *BUDDY, FRIEND,*
COMPADRE, AMIGO, OR
ANY OTHER SIMILAR TERM
OF ENDEARMENT--



--ALL I WANNA
DO IS JUST GO
HOME!



HOME?

YOU
MEAN--
YOU'RE
NOT--

BINGO!

SO--HOW
DO I GET
BACK?

AS EVIL ROTOR SOLVES SONIC'S DILEMMA,
EVIL SONIC IS SWEATING OUT HIS...

WHAT'S WITH
THIS GUY?

WHY
ISN'T HE
PUTTING THE
MOVES ON
HER?

FINALLY!
HE'S SHOWING
A PULSE!

IF THAT
BABELICIOUS
BAT DOESN'T
LIGHT HIS
FIRE, HE'S
A LOST
CAUSE!

I'VE BEEN
ALONE
MOST OF
MY LIFE--

--WITH NO ONE
TO TURN TO!

WHILE I CAN
RELATE--

--I'M NOT SURE
I UNDER-
STAND WHAT
YOU WANT!

SOMEBODY
TO LOVE
ME!

IS THAT
TOO MUCH
TO ASK?

SHE SURE
KNOWS HER
STUFF!

THERE'S
MY CLUE!

LAY
IT ON
THICK,
BABE--

--AS I'M
GOING TO NEED
EVERY SECOND
BEFORE YOUR
PAL GETS
WISE!

OH,
YEAH!

TIME TO
GRAB THE
BOOTY!

GAME
OVER,
LOSER!



THAT VOICE!

AND IT SURE DIDN'T SOUND LIKE MY ECHO!



YOU GOT THAT RIGHT--

--THOUGH NOT MUCH ELSE!

NO THANKS TO THAT GANG OF SCREW-UPS I LEFT BEHIND!

YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO MAKE IT BACK!



ROTOR'S SPARE ZONE-LINK GENERATOR MADE IT A SNAP--

--EVEN BROUGHT ME TO YOU!

HE ALWAYS WAS PRETTY USELESS IN A FIGHT!

SO NOW WHAT?!



CONSIDERING THIS PLACE JUST GOT FIXED, AFTER RO-BUT-NIK TRASHED THE PLACE, YOU COULD GO BACK TO YOUR CRIB!*

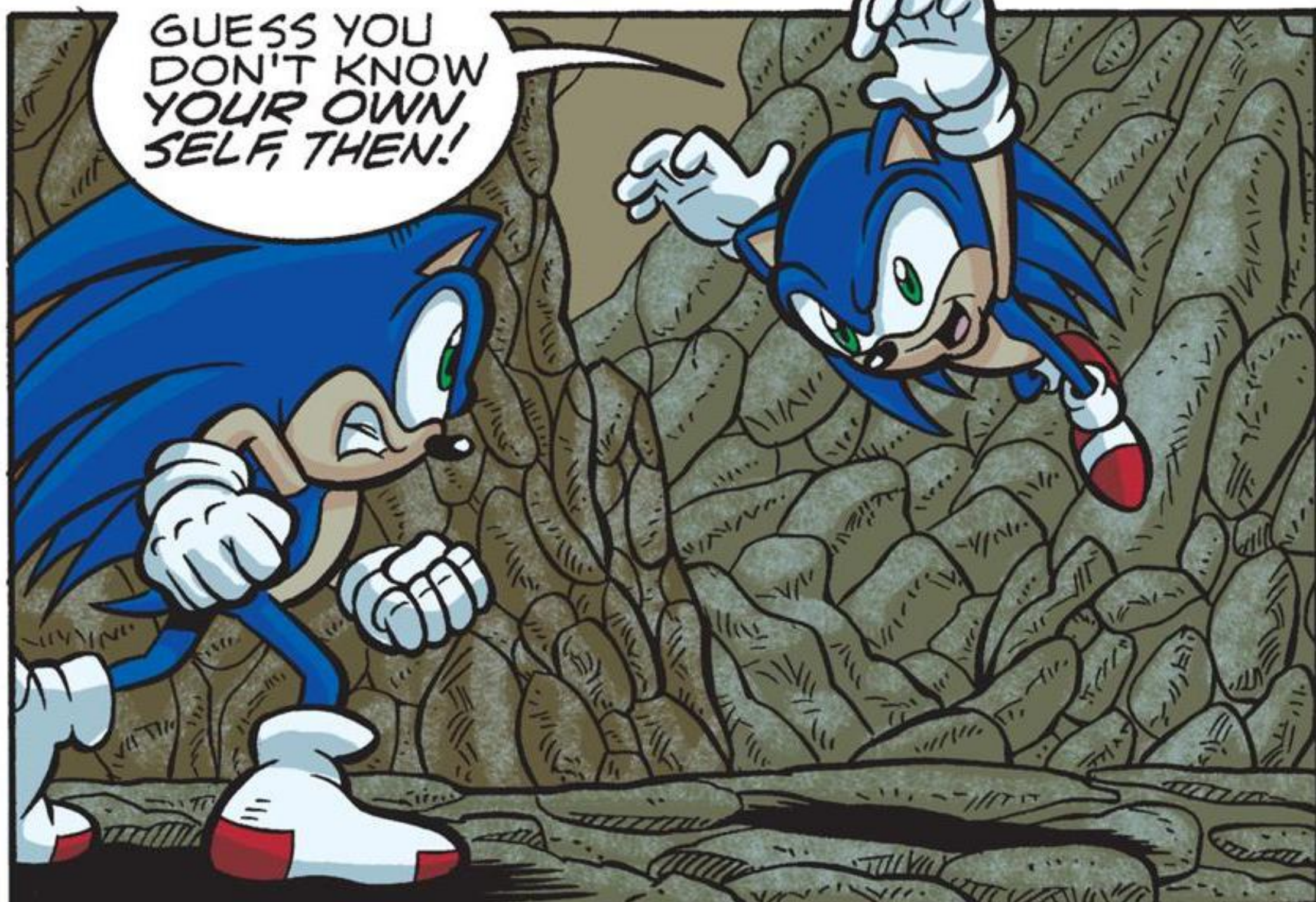
Y'THINK I WOULD WIMP OUT LIKE THOSE CHUMPS ON MY HOMEWORLD?

*AS SEEN IN SONIC #138-141.

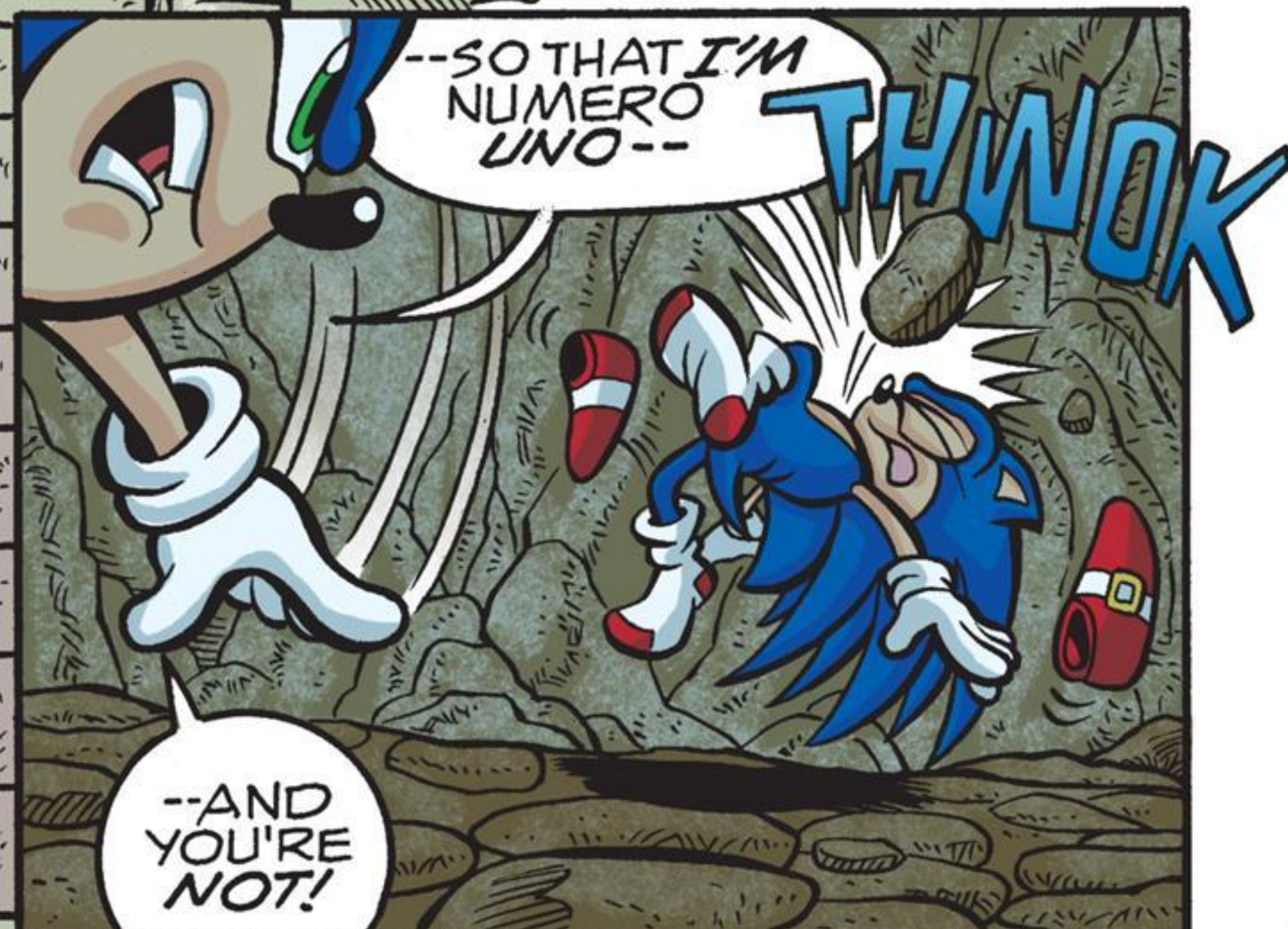
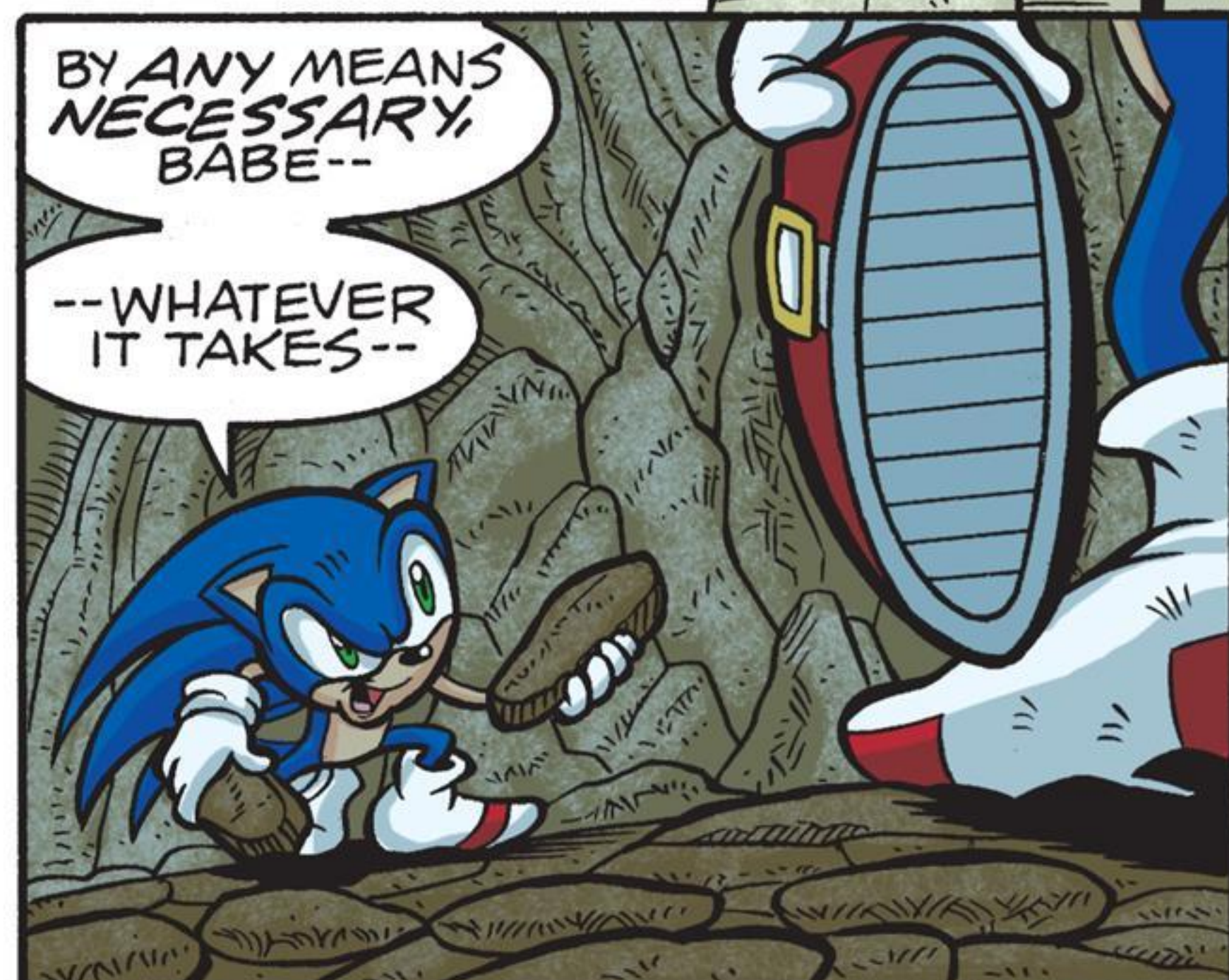
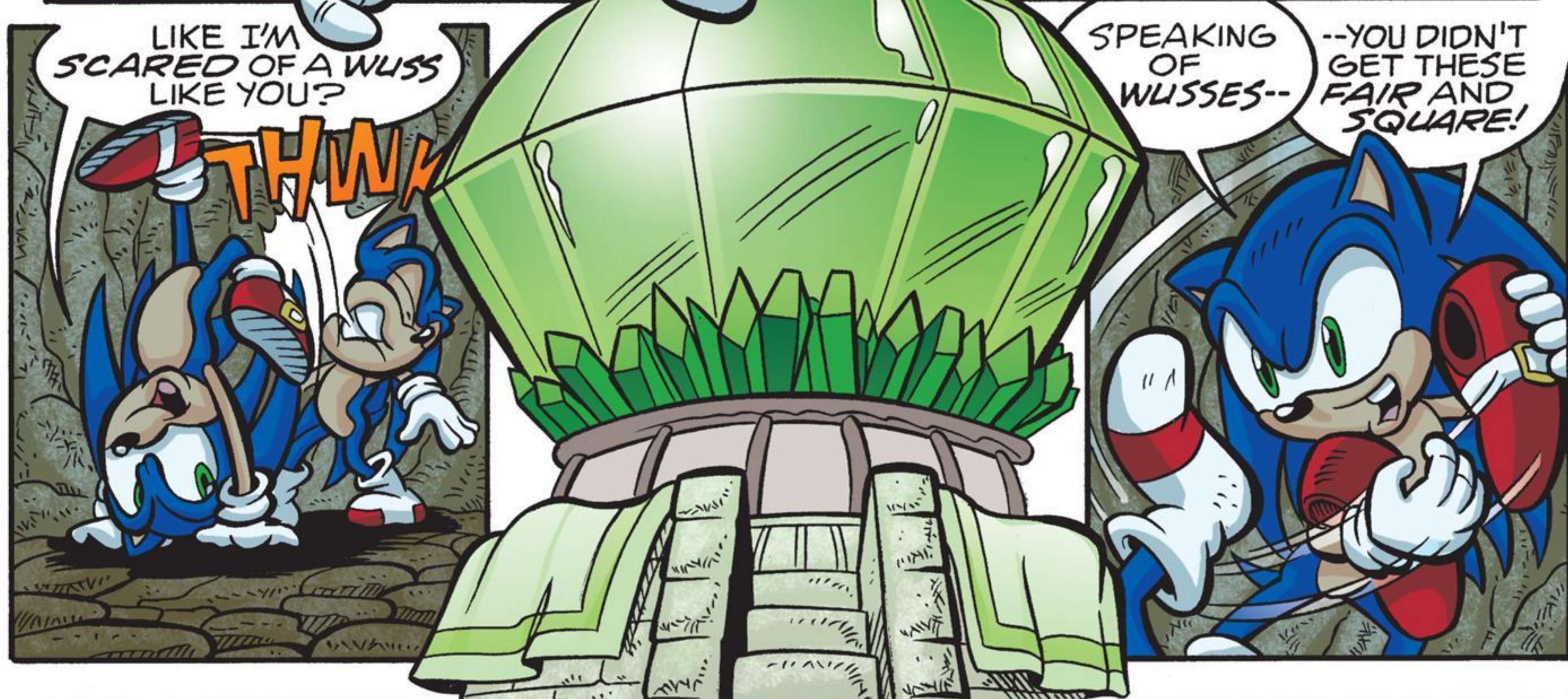
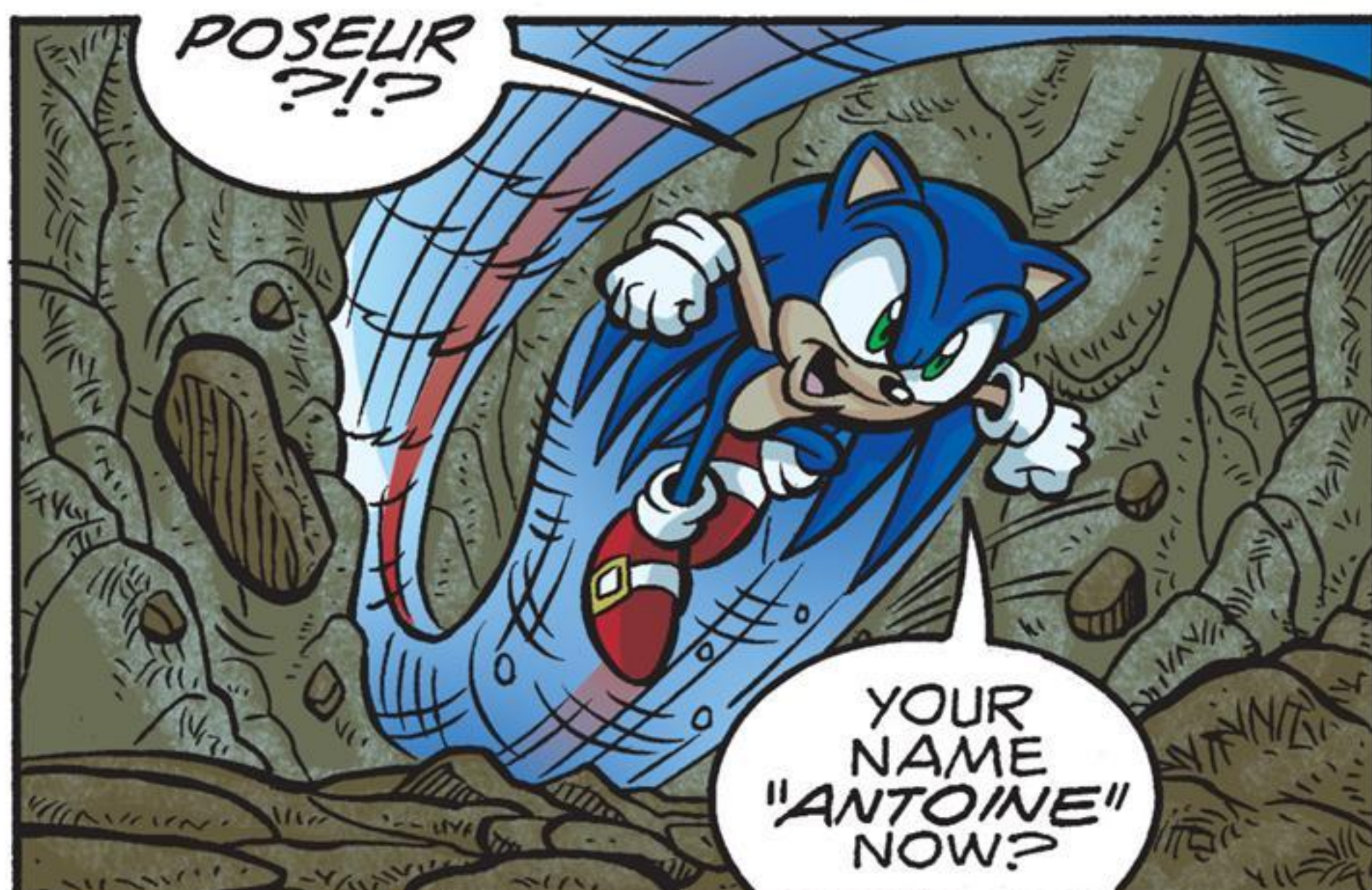
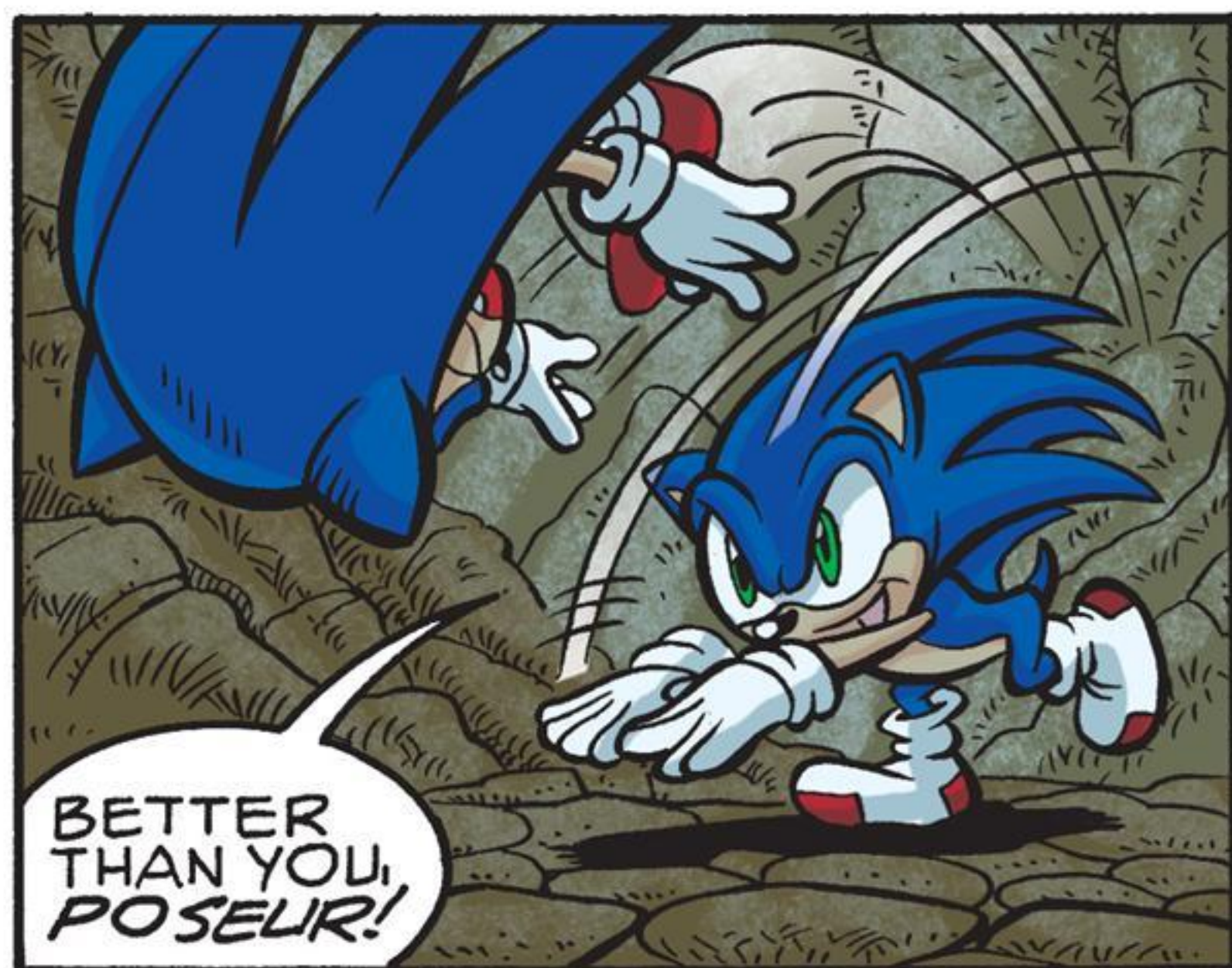


FOR A MINUTE THERE--

YEAH, I DID!



GUESS YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR OWN SELF, THEN!



NEARBY...OUTSIDE...
AT THAT MOMENT...

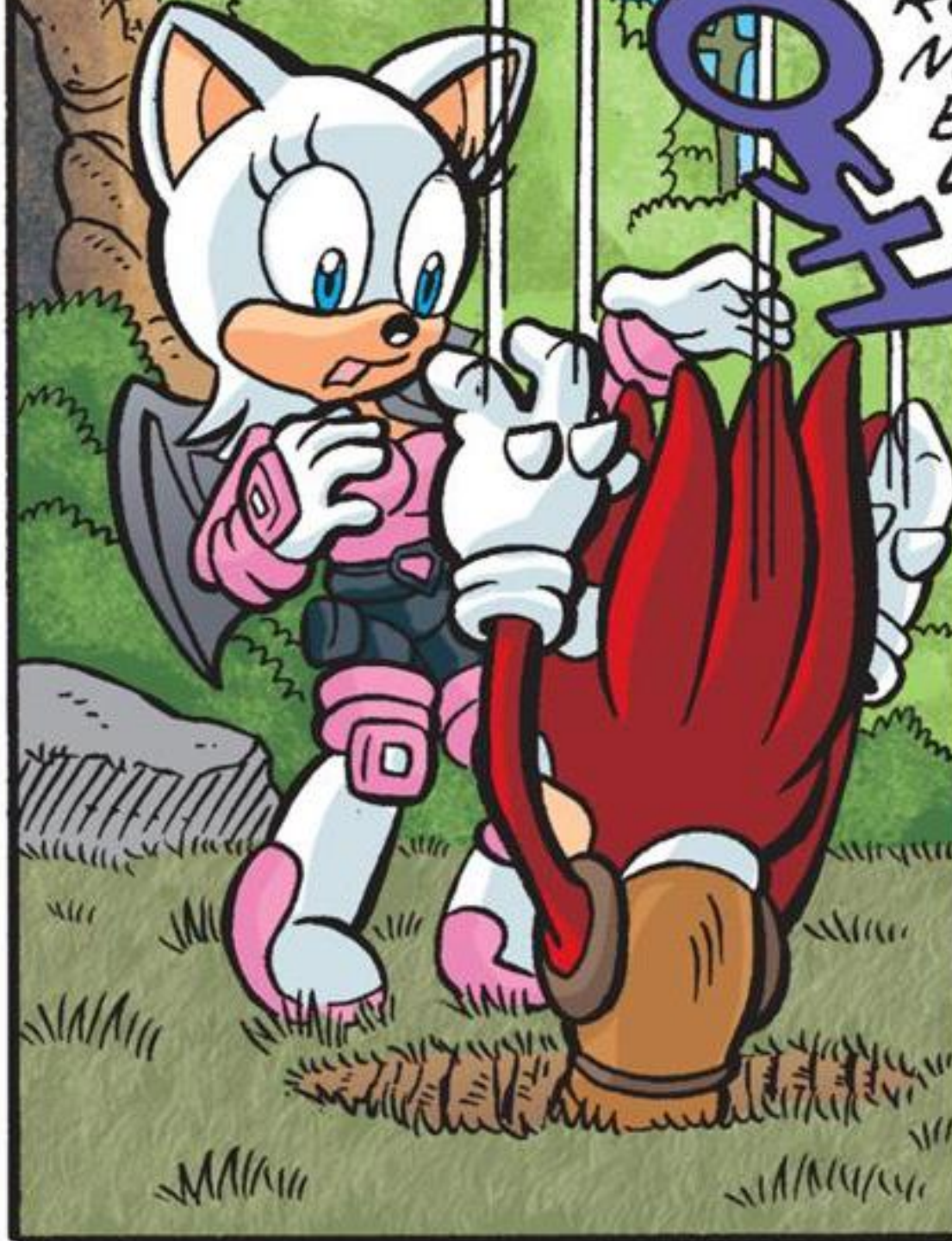
SOMETHING'S
WRONG!

THE
CHAMBER!

LOCKE
--?



HUH?



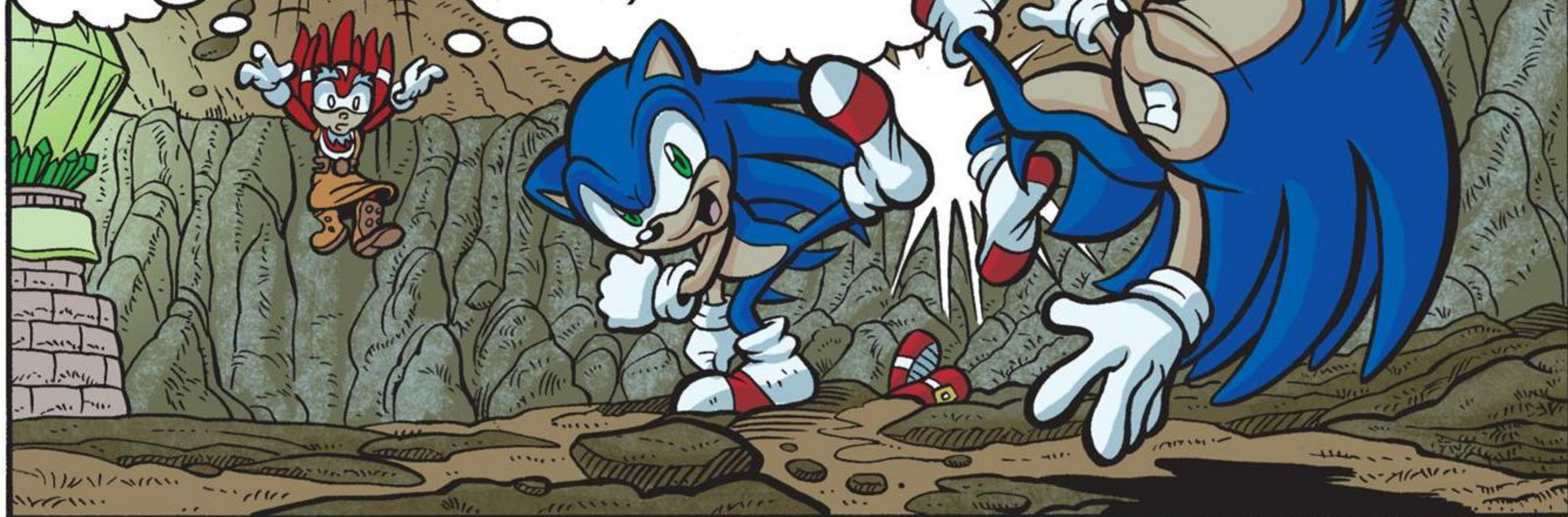
I SENSE
DANGER TO
THE CHAOS
EMERALD!

ROUGE
MUST HAVE
BEEN A
DIVER-
SION.



THE
EMERALD
YET
STANDS--

--BUT WHO COULD
IMAGINE THE
THREAT COMES FROM
AN ASSOCIATE OF MY
SON, KNUCKLES?



ASTONISHING!
TWO OF HIM!

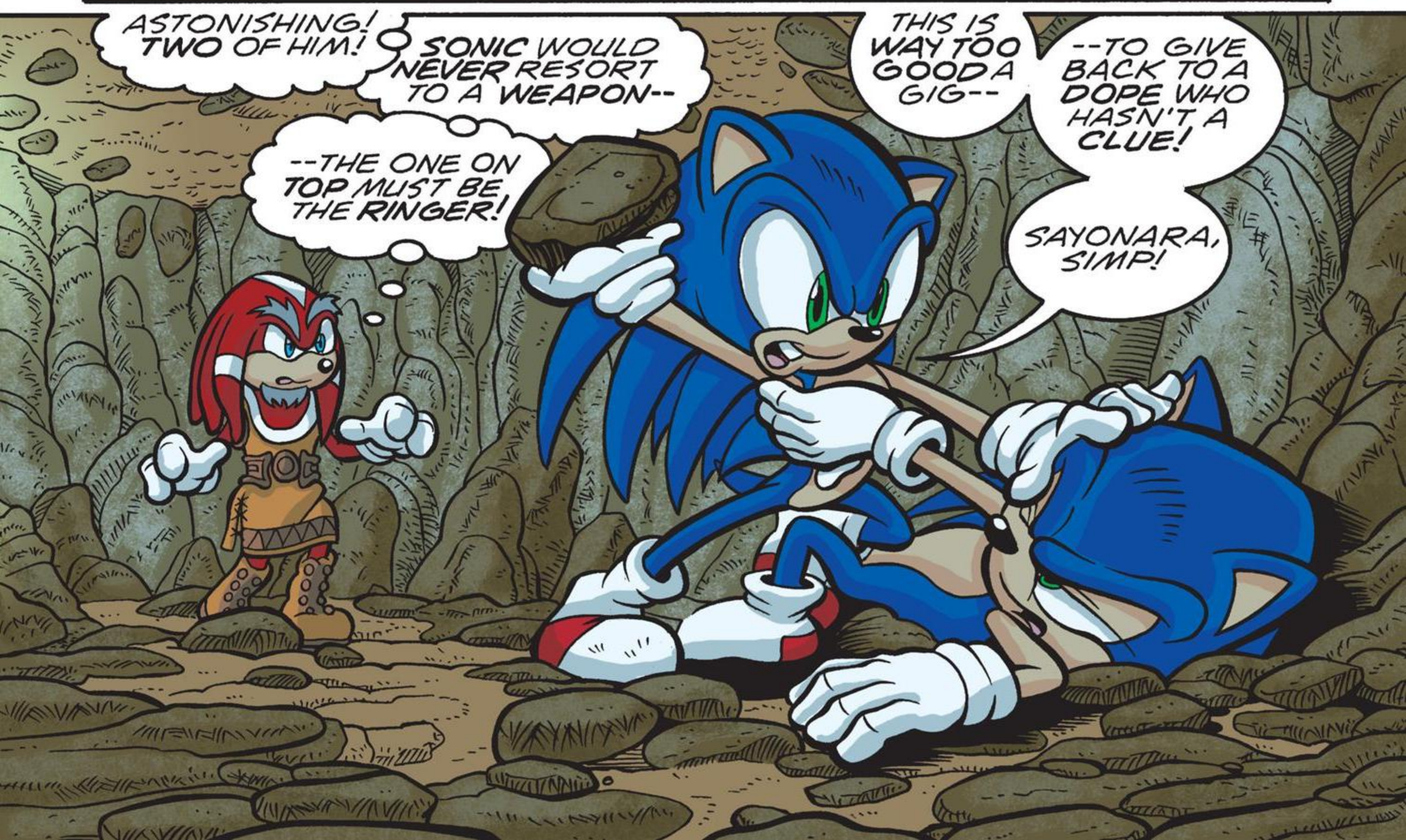
SONIC WOULD
NEVER RESORT
TO A WEAPON--

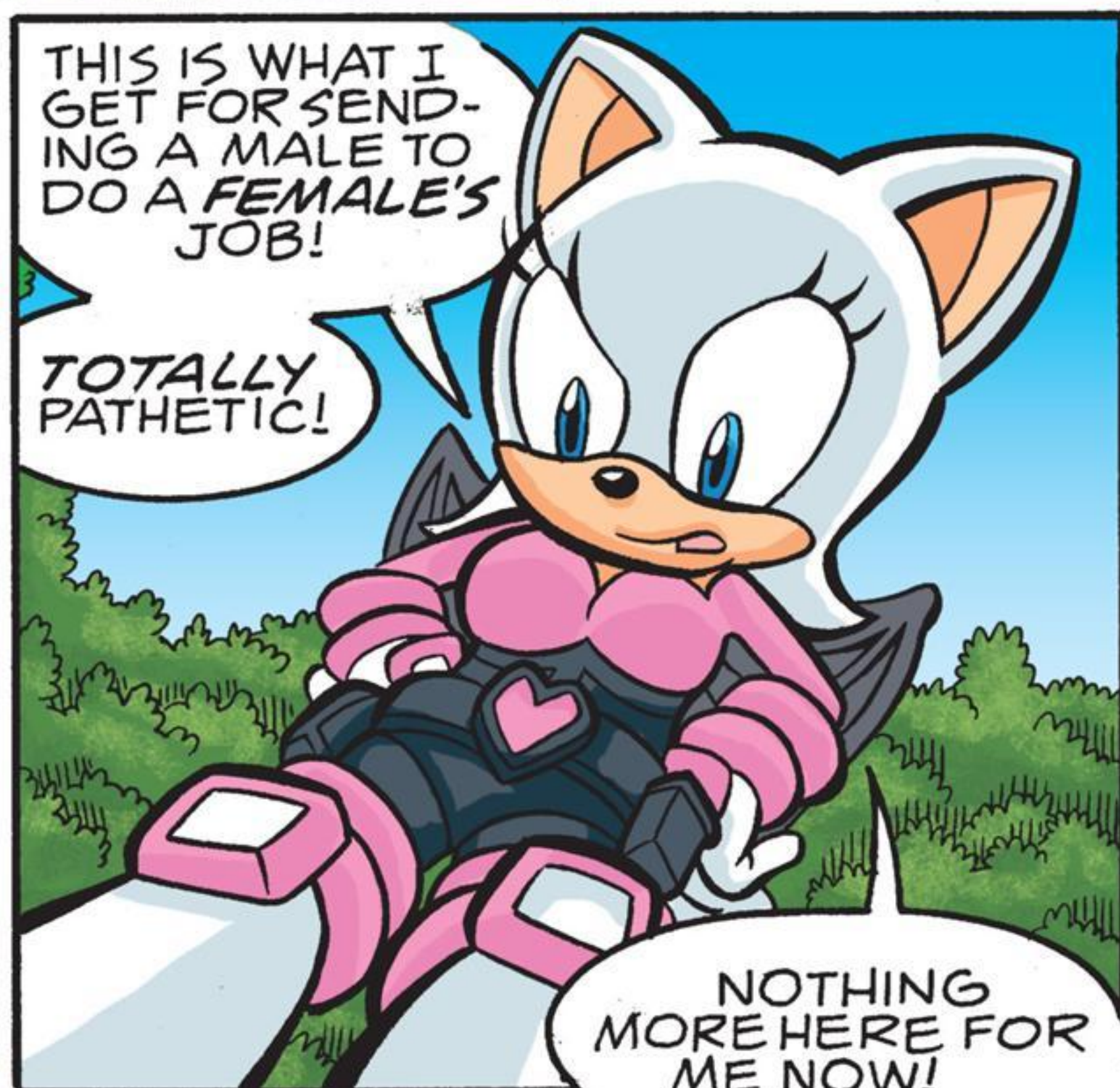
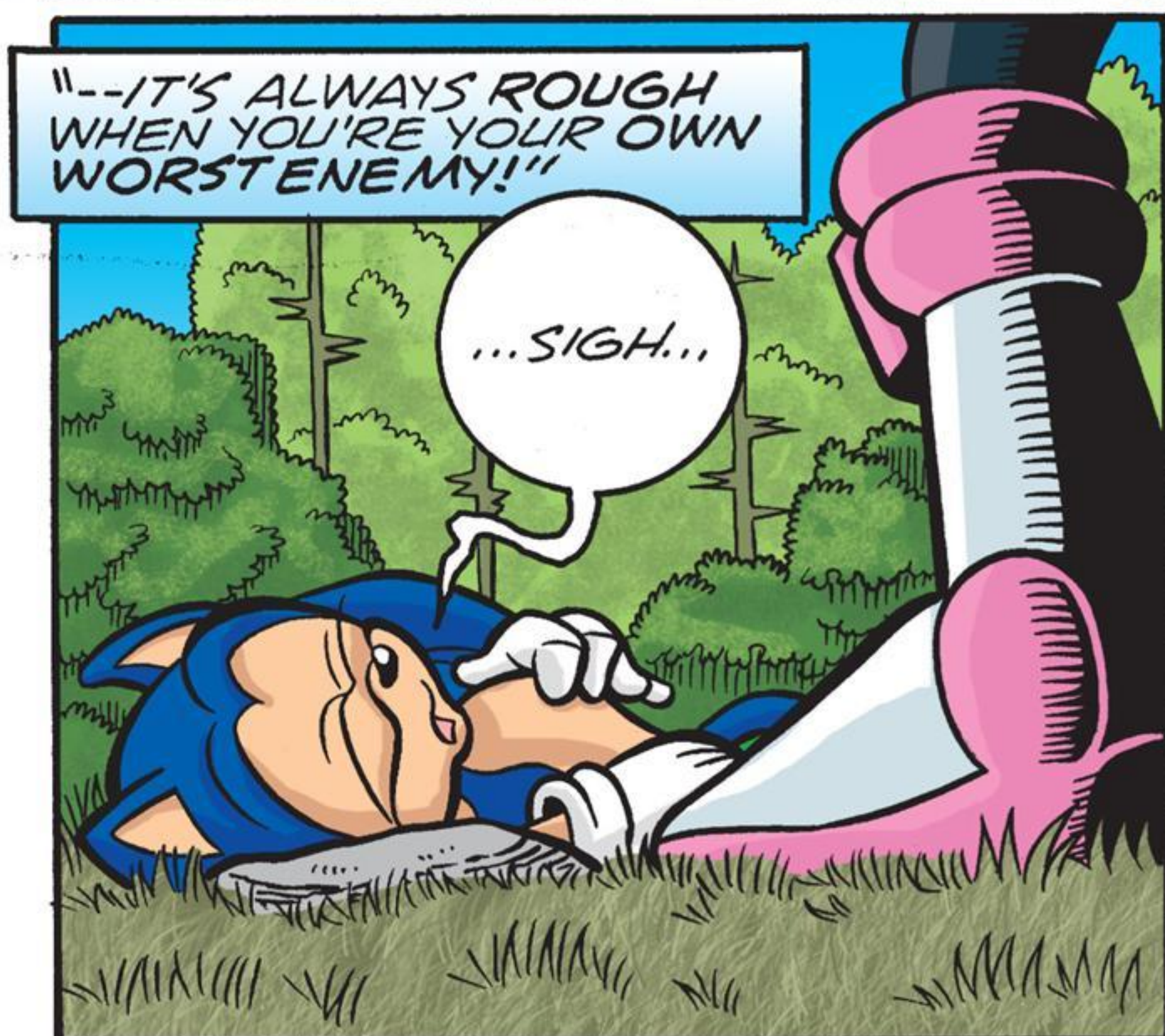
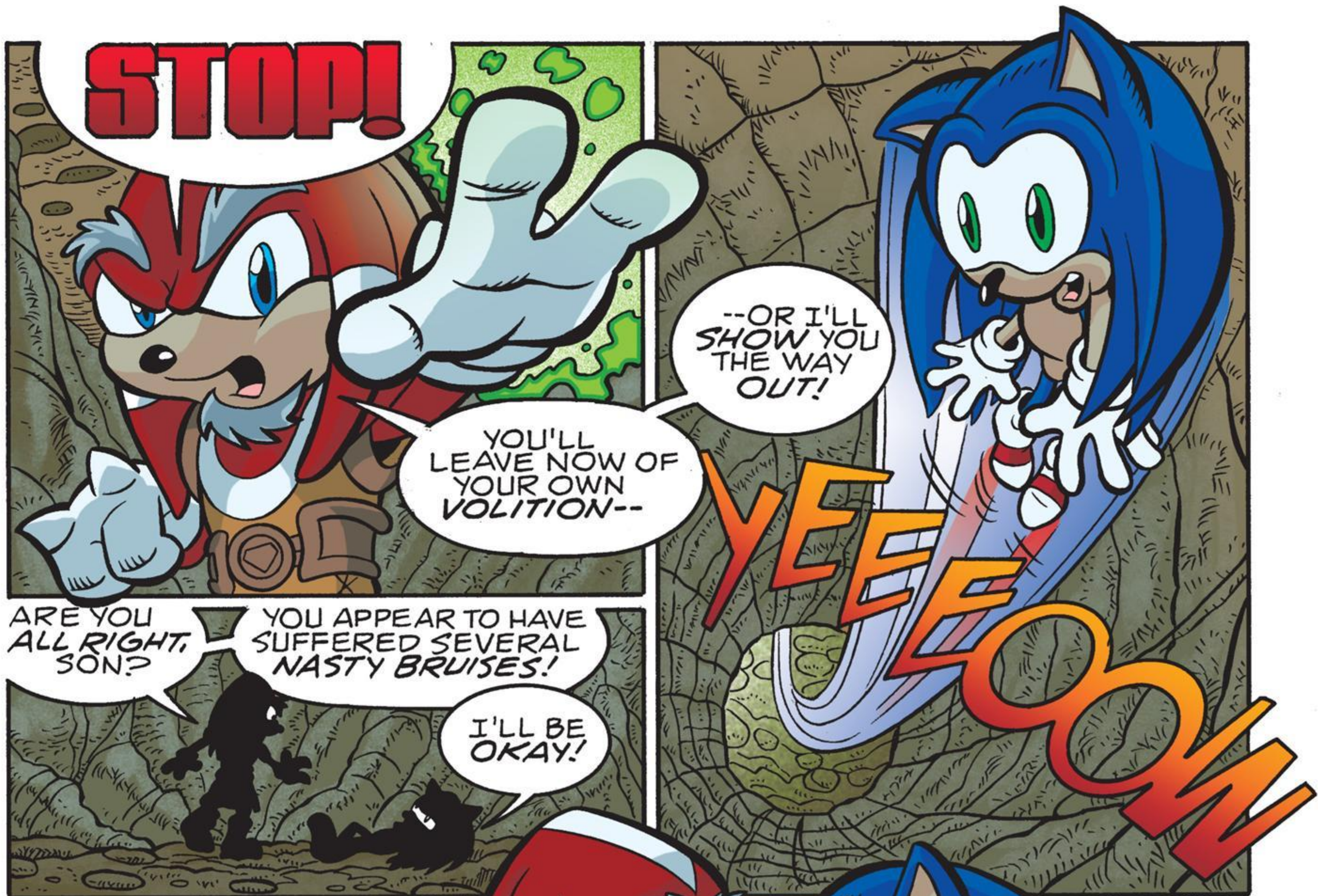
THIS IS
WAY TOO
GOOD A
GIG--

--TO GIVE
BACK TO A
DOPE WHO
HASN'T A
CLUE!

--THE ONE ON
TOP MUST BE
THE RINGER!

SAYONARA,
SIMP!





MAYBE I SHOULD
CHECK OUT THE
PICKINGS
DOWNLUNDA!

I HEAR
THERE'S A NICE
COLLECTION
THERE!

YO,
BABE--

--HOLD UP A
MINUTE!

WHY
SHOULD
I?

IT
ISN'T LIKE
WE'RE **BEST**
FRIENDS OR
ANYTHING!

'CAUSE WHILE I
DIDN'T GET THE
CHAOS EMERALD--

--I DID PICK
UP A FEW
ODDS'N'ENDS!

YOU
LIKE?

OOOH!

LET'S
JUST
SAY--

--THE **BOTH**
OF YOU HAVE
POTENTIAL!

HOW ABOUT WE
GO DISCUSS
THIS SOME-
PLACE MORE
PRIVATE?

YOU'RE
SPEAKIN' MY
LANGUAGE,
DOLL!

I'LL FLY THE
FRIENDLY SKIES
WITH YOU
ANYWHERE!

AN HOUR OR SO LATER, SONIC IS BACK ON THE GROUND NEAR KNOTHOLE...

THANKS FOR THE LIFT, MISTER L!

YOU TAKE CARE, SONIC!

BROARR!!

NEVER DID FIND OUT WHAT MY DORKY DOUBLE WANTED OVER HERE!

I MEAN--WHAT DID HE THINK HE WOULD GET OUT OF BEING ME?

SONIC! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

OH, HI, AMY!

NEED SOME SERIOUS TLC? I'M THERE, HON!

...LIHH...

BEFORE LONG, SONIC HAS WALKED AMY ROSE HOME...

IF YOU'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING TOMORROW--?

I'LL LET YOU KNOW...

LATER!

WHAT'S WITH AMY ROSE?

I DON'T EVER REMEMBER HER COMING ON TO ME LIKE THAT BEFORE!

HEY THERE, SUGAH!

THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU MADE UP FOR OUR STAYING OUT LATE?

FIRST AMY, NOW BLUNNIE--

WHAT'S NEXT?!

A GOOD QUESTION, AND IF YOU, DEAR READER, WANT TO KNOW, YOU'LL MAKE A DATE--OR TWO--OR THREE AND FIND OUT IN NEXT ISSUE'S **SONIC'S ANGELS: WAY PAST COOL!** FREEDOM FIGHTING WAS NEVER LIKE THIS!



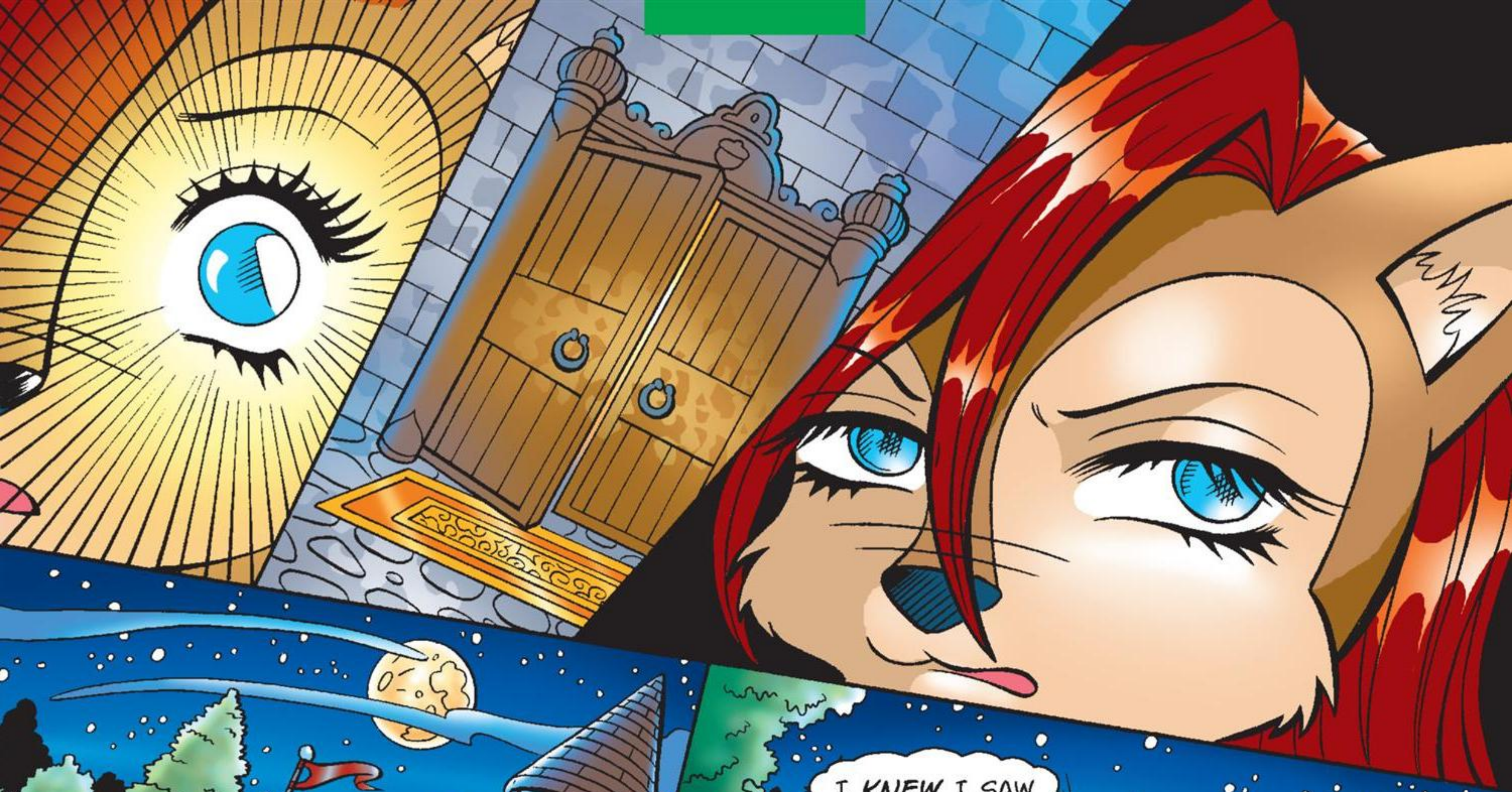
SOMETIMES, IN
TIMES OF WAR,
WE FORGET THE
SIMPLE THINGS.

WE BECOME SO
CONSUMED WITH
FIGHTING AND
STAYING ALIVE, WE
FORGET WHAT IT IS
TO BE ALIVE.

BIP
BIP









AH!
PRINCESS
SALLY! YOU
SURPRISED
ME!

HOW DO YOU
KNOW MY NAME?
WAIT A MINUTE... HOW
COME YOU SOUND
LIKE NICOLE?

BECAUSE...
I AM NICOLE.

BUT... HOW?
HOLOGRAM?

YOU--
YOU'RE
REAL!

NOT
QUITE...



IT'S ACTUALLY A COMPLEX **SIMULATION** THAT I'VE BEEN WORKING ON FOR SOME TIME. EVER SINCE I EXPERIENCED LIFE IN YOUR SHOES. IN FACT, THAT'S WHAT GAVE ME THE IDEA.*

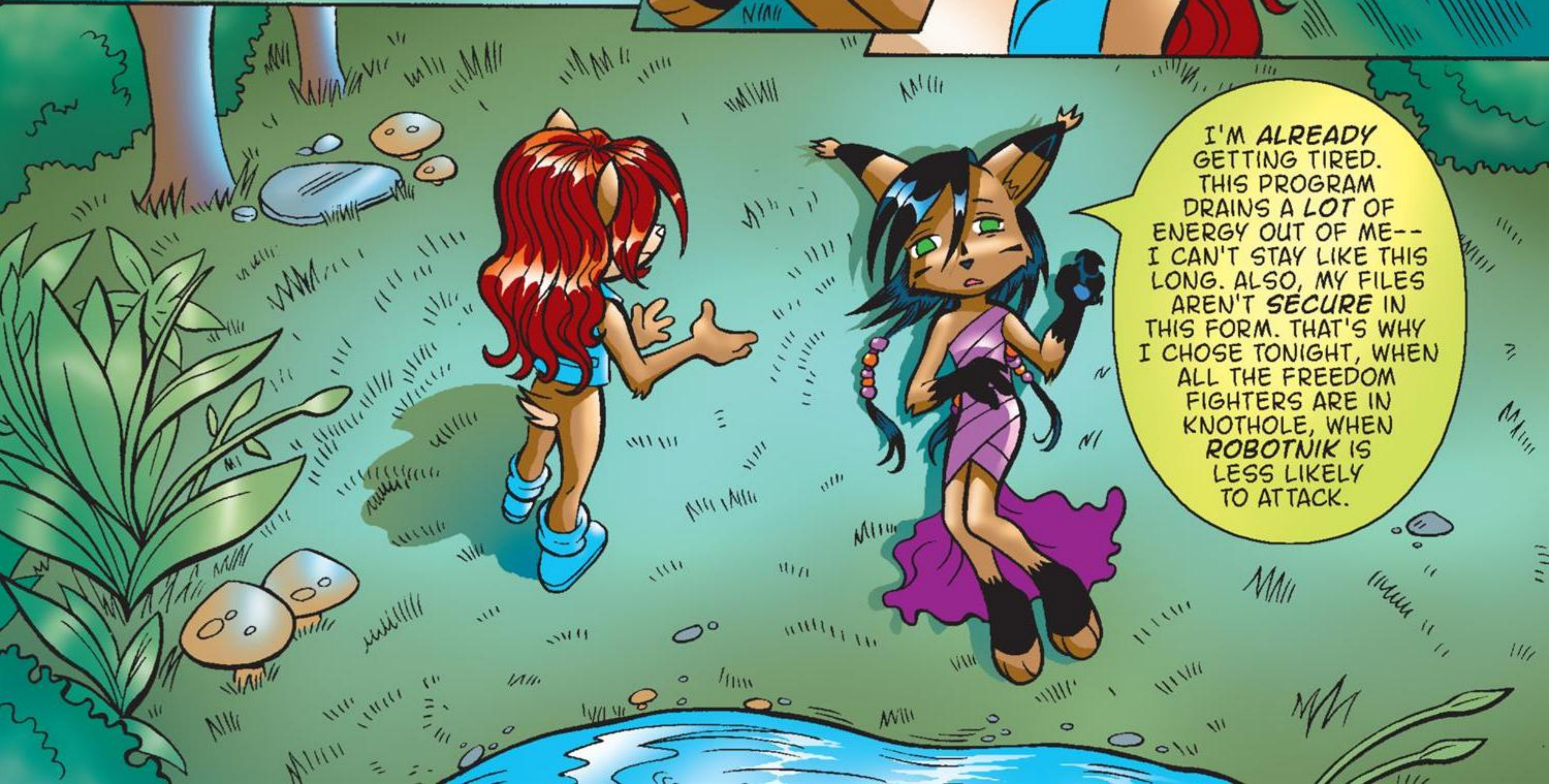
*AS SEEN IN "CIRCUIT ME" FROM SONIC #146



I'M ALREADY A SENTIENT BEING, SO I KNOW HOW TO THINK AND REASON AND EVEN UNDERSTAND BASIC EMOTIONS. BUT I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO BREATHE AIR OR FEEL THE WIND ON MY FACE... OR TOUCH WATER.

I REALIZED HOW LUCKY YOU ARE, SALLY. SOMETIMES I WANT TO LIVE THE WAY YOU DO...

NICOLE! **STAY** THIS WAY! YOU'RE STILL A GENIUS, ONLY NOW YOU HAVE **MORE** CAPABILITIES! WE COULD USE ANOTHER FREEDOM FIGHTER LIKE YOU!



I'M ALREADY GETTING TIRED. THIS PROGRAM DRAINS A LOT OF ENERGY OUT OF ME-- I CAN'T STAY LIKE THIS LONG. ALSO, MY FILES AREN'T **SECURE** IN THIS FORM. THAT'S WHY I CHOSE TONIGHT, WHEN ALL THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE IN KNOTHOLE, WHEN **ROBOTNIK** IS LESS LIKELY TO ATTACK.

I'VE ALWAYS ANALYZED THE STARS AND PLOTTED THEIR MOVEMENTS AND MAPPED OUT THE CONSTELLATIONS. BUT I'VE NEVER REALIZED HOW **BEAUTIFUL** THEY ARE. IT'S LIKE I'M SEEING THEM FOR THE **FIRST TIME**.



MY POWER IS FADING. SOON I'LL BE NOTHING BUT A **COMPUTER** AGAIN.

OH, NICOLE! YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THE **ONLY** FRIEND THAT I CAN TALK TO! I WISH YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO GO!

YOU CAN STILL TALK TO ME, SALLY. AND I'LL STILL LISTEN. NONE OF THAT WILL CHANGE...

AFTER NICOLE FADED AWAY I CONTINUED TO LAY THERE, LOOKING AT THE STARS.

I THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT NICOLE SAID AND I FELT ASHAMED TO REALIZE THAT...

...I, TOO, WAS SEEING THE STARS FOR THE **FIRST TIME**.

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